Setting up World Class Universities

1098. SHRI VIJAYKUMAR RUPANI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has announced that it is going to establish World Class Universities;

(b) if so, whether Government has taken any concrete action to establish such Universities after the announcement; and

(c) the probable locations for such World Class Universities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (c) The Government is considering a proposal to set up 14 Universities aiming at world class standards at the following locations identified for the purpose:

Sl.No.	Location
1.	Amritsar (Punjab)
2.	Greater Noida (Uttar Pradesh)
3.	Jaipur (Rajasthan)
4.	Patna (Bihar)
5.	Guwahati (Assam)
6.	Kolkata (West Bengal)
7.	Bhopal (Madhya Pradesh)
8.	Kochi (Kerala)
9.	Gandhi Nagar (Gujarat)
10.	Coimbatore (Tamil Nadu)
11.	Mysore (Karnataka)
12.	Pune (Maharashtra)
13.	Vishakhapatnam (Andhra Pradesh)
14.	Bhubaneswar (Orissa)

Spending on education

1099. MS. KANIMOZHI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that spending on education as a percentage of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) has come down substantially in the fiscal year 2007-08 compared to that of 2002-03, despite a national commitment to provide 6 per cent of GDP for education and to earmark 50 per cent of budgetary allocations for primary education out of that;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and